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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, DECEMBER 19-20, 1977:

EC-JAPAN RELATIONS

1. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS REPORTED TO THE
DECEMBER 19-20 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL ON HIS
DECEMBER 16 MEETING WITH JAPANESE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIO-
NAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS USHIBA. ACCORDING TO A COMMISSION
SPOKESMAN, JENKINS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO USHIBA:

(A) JAPAN SHOULD TREAT EC ON EQUAL BASIS WITH U.S.
JENKINS CHEF DE CABINET TICKELL INFORMED US THIS REFERRED
TO EC DISPLEASURE OVER INITIAL JAPANESE RELUCTANCE TO
CONSULT WITH EC, RATHER THAN THAT EITHER EC OR U.S. WERE
DEMANDING SPECIAL CONCESSIONS FROM JAPANESE WHICH WOULD
ONLY BENEFIT ONE RATHER THAN ALL. INDEED, JENKINS NOTED
TO THE COUNCIL, THE EC SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS
SLIGHTLY BETTER OFF THAN THE U.S. IN TRADE RELATIONS WITH
JAPAN.

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(B) MEASURES ANNOUNCED SO FAR BY THE GOJ HAVE NOT
BEEN SUFFICIENT TO REDUCE TRADE IMBALANCES.

(C) COMMISSION DOUBTS THAT JAPAN WILL BE ABLE TO
MEET ITS ANNOUNCED SEVEN PERCENT GROWTH TARGET.

2. THE MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE ITS

CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOJ AND AGREED THAT A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF EC/JAPAN RELATIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 7 COUNCIL SESSION. ACCORDING TO TICKELL, UK (DELL) ALSO ADVANCED PROPOSAL THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD WITH U.S., AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COORDINATED MEASURES FOR DEALING WITH JAPANESE CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS. TICKELL SAID NO OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER ENDORSED THIS PROPOSAL, AND NOTED THAT JENKINS, WHO DID NOT RESPOND TO DELL, IS OPPOSED TO IDEA PERSONALLY BECAUSE HE, TOO, WANTS TO AVOID "GANGING UP" IMPRESSION. TICKELL SAID COMMISSION INTENDS TO KEEP JAPANESE MEASURES UNDER REVIEW BUT PLANS NO NEW REPRESENTATIONS FOR TIME BEING. IF JAPANESE HAVE NOT IMPROVED PACKAGE BEFORE FEBRUARY 7 COUNCIL, THERE WILL BE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW LOOK AT WHAT EC MIGHT DO NEXT.
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